For control of Malaria and other vector-borne diseases in the country, National Anti-Malaria Programme (NAMP) is implemented by the State Health Authorities. It is a Category-II Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Under NAMP, the Central Government provides material assistance in the form of drugs, insecticides and larvicides, as well as technical support to the States.

Strategies adopted for control of Malaria include:—

* Early case detection and prompt treatment
* Selective vector control
* Promotion of personal protection methods
* Early detection and containment of epidemics
* Information, Education and Communication towards personal prevention and community participation
* Institutional and Management Capacity Building, Trained Manpower Development and efficient Management Information system (MIS).

Coronary artery diseases

2585. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coronary artery diseases are assuming epidemic proportion in the country;

(b) if so, whether the drug-coated angioplasty stents are the most effective tool to permanently remove artery blockages;

(c) if so, whether the prohibitive prices of drug-coated angioplasty stents are a hindrance against their use in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to bring down the price of drug-coated stents;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) to (g) It is a fact that coronary artery diseases are on the rise in India and also occuring in younger (less that 40 years of age) persons.

The drug-coated Angioplasty Stents are the most effective tool to permanently remove artery blockages. Unlike the uncoated stents used commonly during angioplasty, the drug-coated stents which have recently come up lead to much lesser incidence of recurrence of re-blockage after angioplasty. The cost of a single drug coated is approximately Rs. 1,37,000/- (Rupees one lakh thirty seven thousand only) as compared to about Rs. 30,000—50,000/- of conventional stents. The cost depends upon the number of stents to be used in a given case.

According to G.B. Pant Hospital drug-coated angioplasty stents have just become available in the market and are experimental as long term results are not available.

Performance of PSUs

2586. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of the 49 PSUs under his Ministry has recorded decline of 11 per cent during the first half of 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for this decline; and

(d) the steps taken to improve performance of heavy industries in the remaining period of 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL):(a) to (d) There has been a decline in production of some of 49 Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). The PSU-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below). The reasons for decline in production *inter-alia*, include paucity of orders, obsolete technology, shortage of working capital, high cost of production, exessive manpower etc. PSU-wise reasons are given in the